

HB 1896-S2.E - DIGEST

(DIGEST AS ENACTED)

Requires the department to conduct a study to determine if changes to the geoduck populations in Hood Canal have occurred over time. The study shall incorporate geoduck beds representative of the northern, central, and southern areas of Hood Canal. No later than January 1, 2006, the department shall submit a report describing the study results to the appropriate committees of the legislature.

Requires the department to conduct a study to assess the relationship between the Hood Canal's geoduck population levels and environmental conditions, including dissolved oxygen concentrations.

Provides that, no later than December 1, 2007, the department shall submit a report describing the study results to the appropriate committees of the legislature.

Requires the department to conduct a study to establish an age profile and analyze the shell oxidation rate of Hood Canal geoduck. No later than December 1, 2007, the department shall submit a report describing the study results to the appropriate committees of the legislature.

Provides that the act shall be null and void if appropriations are not approved.